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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued June 17, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Reason 2

The invention related to the following claims of this application (called the "present application" hereinafter) is based on inventions cited in the following publications, which had been circulated in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application, and a person having ordinary knowledge in the technical field to which that invention belongs could have easily made the invention prior to this application. ~~Consequently, it cannot receive a patent according to the stipulations of Article 29, Paragraph 2 of the Patent Law.~~

Note

(For a list of the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature.)

Regarding Claims 1 through 41
Cited Examples 1 and 2

List of Cited Literature

1. ~~Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-224284 filed with the earlier IDS~~
2. Japanese ~~Unexamined~~ Patent Application Publication H4-130750

<Related Technical Literature>

1. Kōichi Satō and two others, *WWW to DB renkei shisutemu wo riyō shita intoranetto no kōsei* [The structure of an intranet using the World Wide Web and a database link system], Information Processing Society, National Conference Proceedings; Information Processing Society, 3/14/1997, vol. 54, no. 3, pages 195–196. (Internal document number: National Society Document 2002-00406-001).
2. Kiyomi Daishidō and one other, *Intoranetto katsuyō denshi buhin jōhō shisutemu* [Electronic component data systems using an intranet], Information Processing Society Research Reports, Data Processing Association, 6/18/1997, volume 97, no. 59 (IS-64), pp. 25–31. (Internal document number: National Society Document 1997-00007-0004).

This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection."

Applicants' statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicants' representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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